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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, TS
SUBJECT: FY 1977 FMS GUARANTEED CREDIT FOR TUNISIA

REF: STATE 232987, STATE 223742

1. EMBASSY WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT \$10 MILLION FMS GUARANTEED CREDIT EXTENDED TO TUNISIA DURING FY 1977 IS UNDERSTOOD BY GOT TO BE FOR TRANSITIONAL QUARTER AND NOT REPEAT NOT A PART OF FY 1976 OR FY 1977 FMS CREDIT AVAILABILITY. THIS WAS IMPLICATION OF STATE 223742 AND EMBASSY SO INFORMED GOT, AS AUTHORIZED PARA 1 SAME REFTEL.

2. GOT IS EXTREMELY APPRECIATIVE OF THIS ADDITIONAL CREDIT BUT VIEWS FY 1977 \$10 MILLION AS OVER AND ABOVE \$15 MILLION AGREED UPON FOR FY 1976, AND OVER AND ABOVE \$25 MILLION TARGET FIGURE SET FOR FY 1977. GOT RECOGNIZES LATTER \$25 MILLION FIGURE IS NOT FIRM CREDIT COMMITMENT BUT STILL IS OF UNDERSTANDING THAT DEPARTMENT WILL SEEK THAT LEVEL FOR FY 77, AS PREVIOUSLY INFORMED. WE BELIEVE THIS IS ALSO THE UNDERSTANDING OF TUNISIAN MILATTACHE IN WASHINGTON.

3. EMBASSY WISHES TO POINT OUT ABOVE IN ORDER THAT THERE BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT AMOUNT OF FMS GUARANTEED CREDIT

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CREDITS WHICH GOT EXPECTS WILL BE SOUGHT IN COMING FISCAL

YEAR. WE ARE OF OPINION THAT COMMITMENT TO SEEK THIS
FIGURE HAS BEEN MADE (REPEATEDLY) AND THAT OUR FAILURE
TO DO SO WOULD POSSIBLY JEOPARDIZE GAINS WHICH HAVE
BEEN ACHIEVED IN BILATERAL REATIONS FOLLOWING OUR POSITIVE
RESPONSE TO TUNISIA'S REQUESTS FOR FMS CREDIT INCREASES
EARLIER THIS YEAR.
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